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Health Care Eligibility Policy Manual

Per All Provider Bulletin MSA 06-45, the Health Care Eligibility Policy Manual will be eliminated as of July 1, 2006.

Beginning on this date, all official Medicaid, Adult Benefits Waiver, MOMS, Family Planning Program, and TMA-Plus eligibility policy will be included in the Department of Human Services Program Eligibility Manual, Program Administrative Manual, and Program Reference Tables Manual.

These items have been and will continue to be jointly developed by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) as the Medicaid single state agency and the Department of Human Services as the entity responsible for the administration of the Medicaid eligibility determination process.

Any providers that would like to be added to the distribution list for future proposed eligibility policy items, please send your requests, including your name, organization/company, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address (if available) and your contact preference, i.e., e-mail or written comments, to

EligibilityPolicy@michigan.gov or mail requests to:

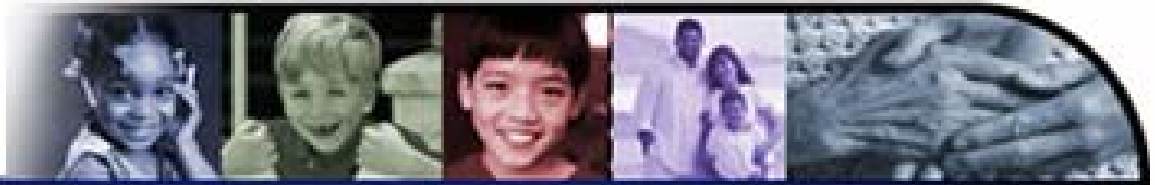
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What's New



Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) B2B Testing

The new implementation date for the MDCH OPPS project is April 1, 2007. Details of coverage, claim completion, and reimbursement policy changes being implemented as part of the MDCH OPPS were distributed in Medicaid Policy Bulletin MSA 06-47 issued on July 1, 2006.

This is a reminder that OPPS B2B testing is scheduled to begin on August 1, 2006.

Updated B2B instructions specific to the OPPS implementation are located at the website below. These instructions contain important information regarding the test process, 835/RA responses and how MDCH will be handling submitted test files. These instructions and other OPPS information are available on the MDCH website at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Project.

Please remember to send the required e-mail notification that an OPPS test file has been sent. The B2B test files should include claims with dates of service on or after 1/1/2006 billed as they would be following Medicare's OPPS billing requirements.

B2B testing will be ongoing and will assist both providers and MDCH in identifying billing and systems/processing issues under the proposed MDCH OPPS methodology. Provider Type 40s must successfully complete the B2B testing process before participating in the OPPS pilot testing targeted to begin in October 2006.

As always, please feel free to forward any questions you may have to the APCProject@michigan.gov mailbox.

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NPI Countdown Column



Medicaid Providers and Health Plans, if you have an NPI number MDCH needs and wants it. With less than 10 months left before implementation, MDCH has set up a secure website to collect your NPI's. Through the NPI collection process, MDCH can complete the crosswalk to ensure your NPI number and current Medicaid ID will link together. Remember the **NPI effective date is May 23, 2007**.

To enter your NPI number please log on to the State's Single Sign-On (SSO) website at <https://sso.state.mi.us> and enter you NPI. A list of detailed instructions for the SSO is located at the MDCH NPI website.

Medicaid to date has collected a little more than 1500 NPI's from Medicaid Providers. If you are a Medicaid Provider and have an NPI, to ensure a smooth transition, please enter your NPI on our website as soon as possible!!!

If you have not already applied for a NPI number please do so soon. You can apply online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/> or call toll free at 1-800-465-3203.

Medicaid will be incorporating NPI training sessions with new **CHAMPS**

training. Please look for future trainings at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Medicaid Provider Training Sessions.

Medicaid will be sending monthly NPI reminders and updates to all Providers via postcards. The postcards will include general information on how to receive your NPI and also any updates or changes that Medicaid has made with the NPI. All postcards regarding the NPI will be mailed in **BLUE**.

Medicaid will also be posting NPI information via ListServ announcements. If you have not signed up for the MDCH ListServ, please follow the instructions that are located at the Provider Updates website, under the Provider Tips section to sign up today.

For more information about the NPI, Fact Sheets, and NPI related web links, please log on to the MDCH website at www.michigan.gov/mdch >> Providers>> National Provider Identifier.

Any questions that Providers may have can be directed to the Provider Inquiry Unit at 1-800-292-2550 or ProviderSupport@michigan.gov.

DON'T BE LATE...ENUMERATE!
ONLY 9 MONTHS TIL NPI...USE SSO TODAY!

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Have you ever asked Provider Inquiry about Claim Status?

Have you ever been told...

Medicaid does not have the capability to do a Claim Status?

If your answer is yes to either of the above,
Medicaid would like to share some good news with all providers.

Over the next three years, Medicaid will be implementing a new Claims Processing System called **CHAMPS**, Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System.

Part 1 – CHAMPS Website

CHAMPS will come to life in a three phase process. The first phase of **CHAMPS** will be a new and improved Medicaid Provider Website. In the Website phase, Medicaid will be reorganizing the contents of the MDCH web pages and making them more easily accessible to providers. The new **CHAMPS** Website is scheduled to be available by September of this year.

Part 2 – Provider Enrollment

Phase two of **CHAMPS** will be the implementation of Provider Enrollment. The Provider Enrollment stage will consist of two parts. Part one of the Provider Enrollment system will allow providers to apply with an online application to be Medicaid Providers via the **CHAMPS** Web Portal. Part one of the Provider Enrollment phase is currently in the middle of the design process and on target for the “Go Live” date in April of 2007. Part two of the Provider Enrollment phase will give the providers access to make any changes necessary to addresses, phone numbers, etc., or updates such as additions of Specialties to keep your Provider Enrollment file up to date. Any changes that are made to your Provider Enrollment file will be subject to approval by the State. Part two of the Provider Enrollment phase will be fully functional at the end of the three year project.

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Part 3 - Claims

The final phase of the **CHAMPS** project will be the implementation of the Claims Processing System. Within claims, providers will benefit from online claim status, Direct Data Entry, Online Prior Authorization, Online Claim Correction, and much, much more. The Claims phase of the project, which is the largest and most in depth, is just about to begin the design phase. Once the design phase is completed, a major testing process will begin before the system is given to the Providers. The Claims phase is scheduled to be fully operational by early 2009.

Additional Information

Stay tuned to every edition of the Provider Inquirer to keep up to date with the progress of **CHAMPS**. For other information please sign-up for the ListServ and attend all future Medicaid Trainings. More information can also be found on our website, www.michigan.gov/mdch and click on the **CHAMPS** logo, which is a left side navigation tab.

Submit Questions

There were no provider questions submitted for the August newsletter. If you have any questions that you would like answered in the Provider Inquirer, please email ProviderOutreach@michigan.gov.

Remember providers can ask for other providers to answer the questions or for a Medicaid representative to answer the questions.

This section is for all providers, so please use it to your advantage. If you have any questions, please submit them today!!!